

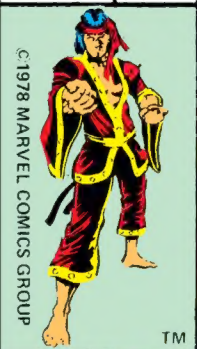
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THE HANDS OF SHANG-CHI, MASTER OF KUNG FU



"Call me Shang-Chi, as my **father** did, when he raised me and molded my mind and my body in the vacuum of his Honan, China retreat. I learned many things from my father. Since then, I have learned that my father is **Dr. Fu Manchu**, the most insidiously evil man on earth...and that to **honor** him would bring nothing but **dishonor** to the spirit of my **name**.

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PRESENT A SPECIAL ALL-NEW KUNG FU THRILLER! OUR REGULAR STORYLINE CONTINUES NEXT ISSUE.



"IT IS GOOD TO WALK, FOR WHILE ONE WALKS, ONE'S MIND ROAMS FREE...AND THERE, LINSHACKLED, WHO KNOWS WHAT ONE'S THOUGHTS MAY..."



"--FIND?"



"THE SWIRLING TRAFFIC SEEKS TO SEPARATE ME FROM A PIECE OF MY CHILDHOOD REFUGUM AFTER THE ETERNITY OF A LIFETIME."

"BUT A BODY HONED TO MOVE SWIFTER THAN THE THRUSTING BLOWS OF MARTIAL ARTS IS MORE THAN FAST ENOUGH TO DODGE IT--ESPECIALLY FOR A PRIZE SO GREAT!"

HEY! WATCH WHERE YA RUNNIN', TURKEY!

THIS CRATE AIN'T INSURED YET!

QUIET YOURSELF, DRIVER--AND BE GLAD I MUST HURRY AWAY--

HEAR MICHAEL GORDON'S
DEBUT ALBUM
"THINGS"
JUDDAH RECORDS

-- ELSE NO AMOUNT OF "INSURANCE" WOULD SAVE YOU FROM YOUR INSOLENCE!

UHP!

WROOOON!

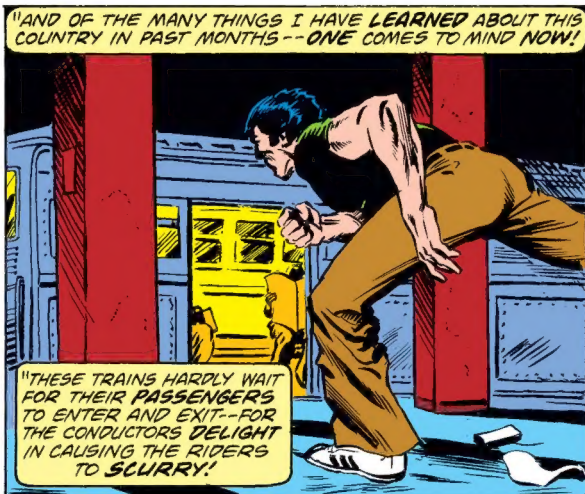
"SHOH TENG MUST NOT BE LOST IN THE MIASMA OF A TORTURED PAST AGAIN!"

"NOT EVEN IF THAT IS WHAT HE WISHES!"



"I HEAR A TRAIN PULL INTO THIS STATION--

"--AS SURELY
AS DOES
SHOH TENG!"



"AND OF THE MANY THINGS I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THIS COUNTRY IN PAST MONTHS--ONE COMES TO MIND NOW!"

"THESE TRAINS HARDLY WAIT
FOR THEIR PASSENGERS
TO ENTER AND EXIT--FOR
THE CONDUCTORS DELIGHT
IN CAUSING THE RIDERS
TO SCURRY!"



"SO IF I WISH TO CATCH UP WITH SHOH TENG, I HAVE NO TIME TO ENTER THE SUBWAY HONESTLY--

"--FOR I CAN
SEE THE DOORS
SLAM SHUT--



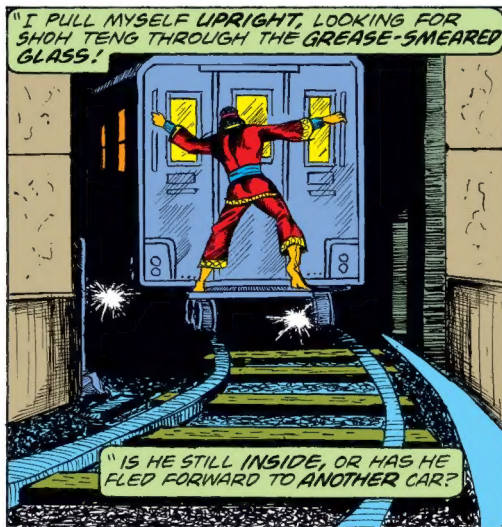
"--WITH SHOH TENG
WITHIN!"

"BUT HE WILL NOT ESCAPE
AS EASILY AS THIS!"



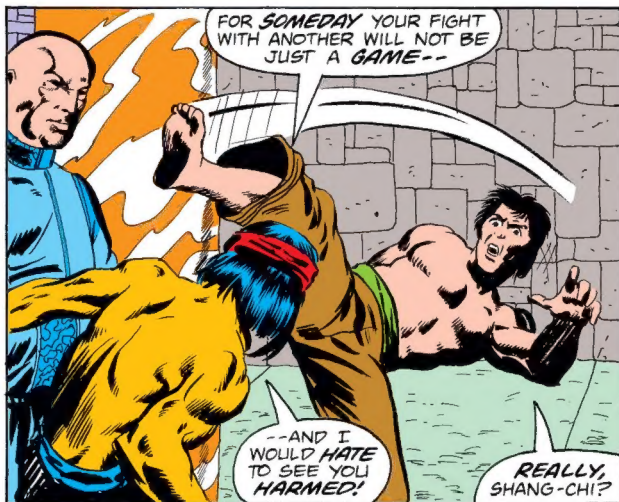
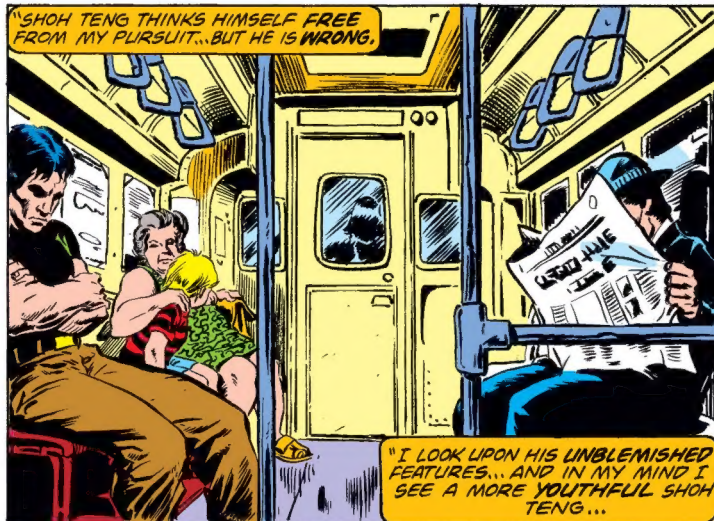
"THE VOICE OF A POLICEMAN FROM THE TOKEN BOOTH CALLS AFTER ME--AND I LEAP--

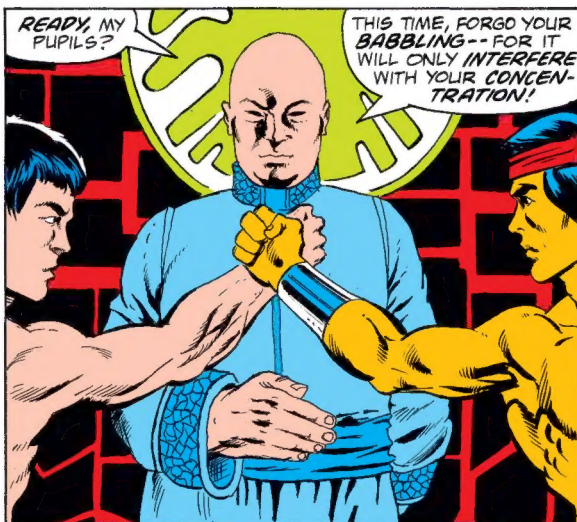
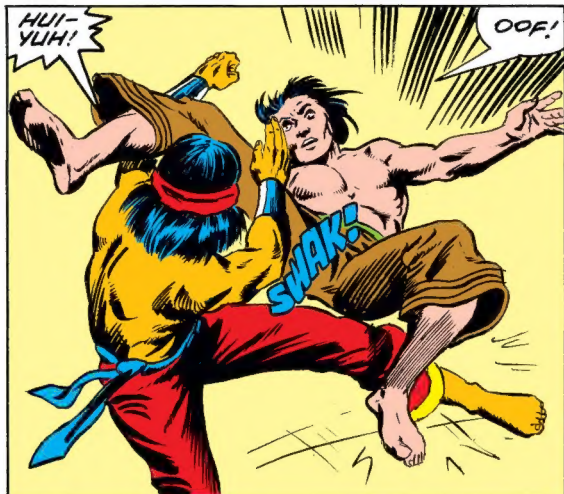
"--PROPELLING MYSELF FORWARD--HOVERING IN MIDAIR
UNTIL MY FINGERS LOCK ON-
TO THE CAR'S HANDRAILS!"

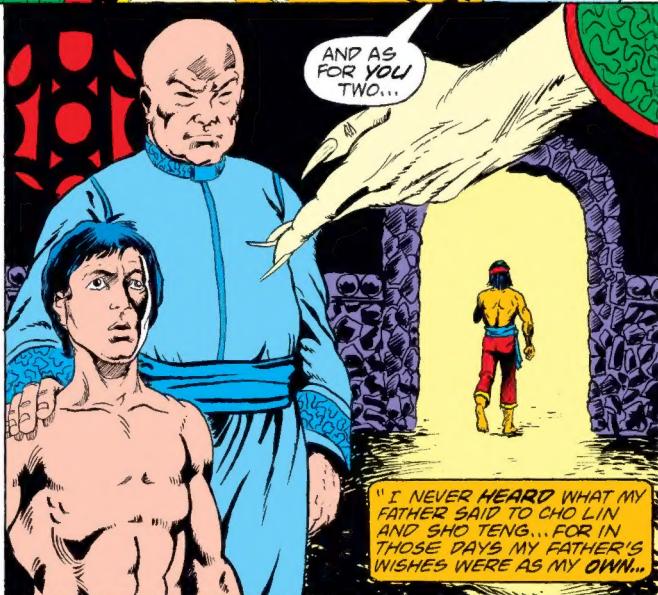


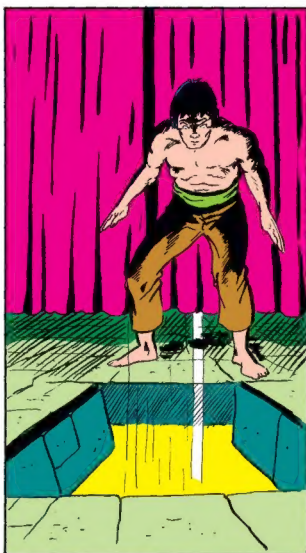
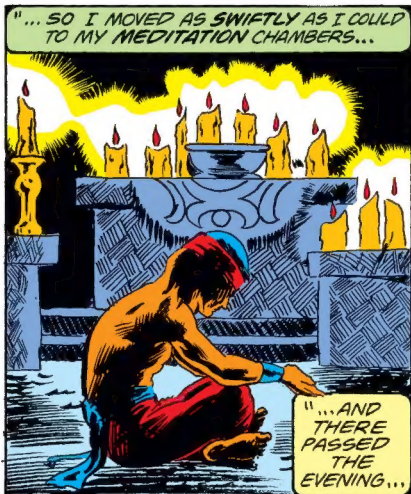
"I PULL MYSELF UPRIGHT, LOOKING FOR SHOH TENG THROUGH THE GREASE-SMEARED GLASS!"

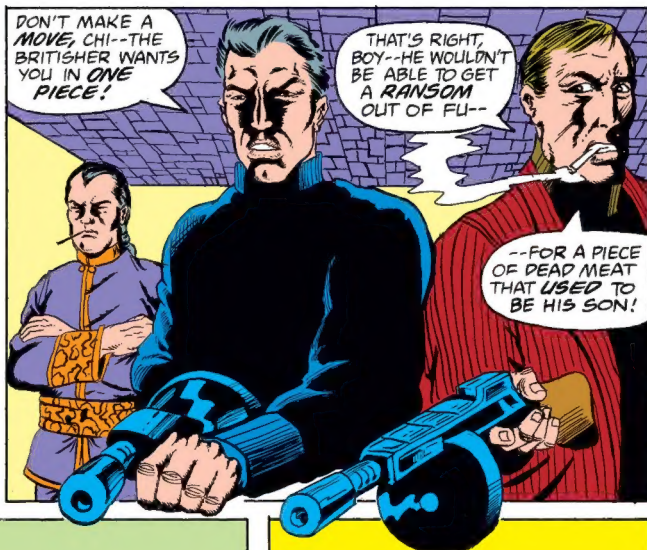
"IS HE STILL INSIDE, OR HAS HE
FLED FORWARD TO ANOTHER CAR?"



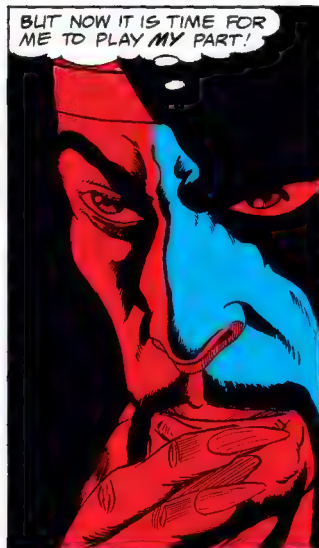
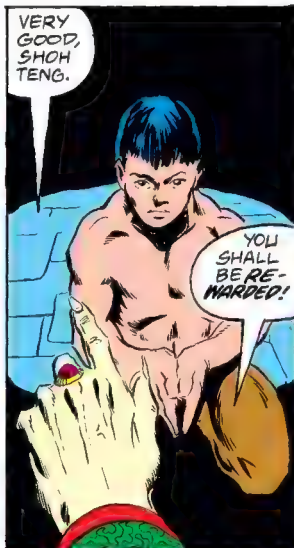
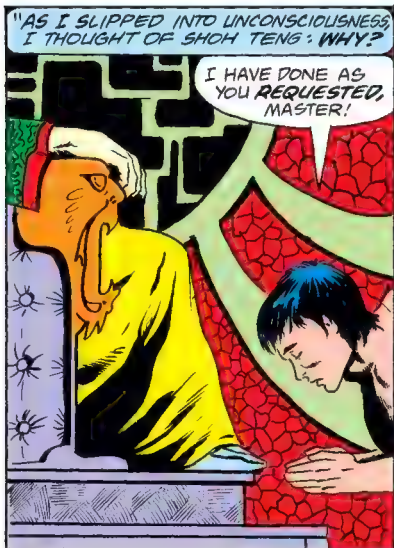














FATHER!

YOU MAY BE ADEPT
IN THE MARTIAL ARTS,
ANCIENT ONE -- BUT
YOUR BODY HAS GROWN
OLD AND SPINDLY
AND WEAK!



WRONG, FOOL!

FOR I HAVE BE-
COME LIKE A GREAT
OAK -- STRONG
AND WIRY AND
WISE! AND MORE
THAN A MATCH
FOR YOU OR
ANY MAN!



"THE BATTLE BETWEEN
MY FATHER AND DEATH-
DRAGON IS ENBLAZONED
UPON MY MEMORY! AND
AT THAT MOMENT I
THOUGHT NO MAN COULD
EVER BE AS NOBLE AS
MY FATHER!

"IT WAS MANY YEARS UNTIL SIR DENIS
HELPED ME TO SEE THE TRUTH!



WOP!



FWAK!



SO YOU LAND THE FIRST BLOWS,
FUI MANCHU! IT IS MEANING-
LESS!

I
WILL
YET
WIN!



I WILL
YET
CONQUER
YOU!

NO, FOOLISH ONE--
YOU WILL CONQUER
NONE BUT YOUR-
SELF!



NO! NO--WAIT,
MAS--**URKK!**



"I WATCHED IN AWE AS MY FATHER
KILLED THE MAN WHO HAD CAPTURED
ME..."

"DOING IT
COLDLY...
CALLOUSLY...
BRUTALLY...



FATHER--WHY DID
YOU NOT LET THE
MAN **SPEAK?**

PERHAPS HE
COULD HAVE LED
US TO THE ONE
WHO HIRED HIM.



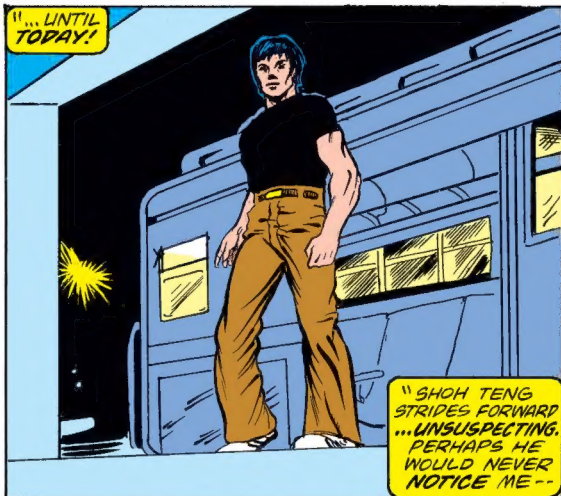
NO, MY SON--
HE MERELY
WANTED TO
TRICK ME IN-
TO GIVING HIM
AN **UNEARNED**
TRUST!

YOU HAVE BEEN **BETRAYED**
TODAY BY ONE YOU THOUGHT
A **FRIEND**, SO REMEMBER
THIS--TRUST NONE BUT
ME, FOR THERE IS NONE
OTHER **WORTHY** OF IT!

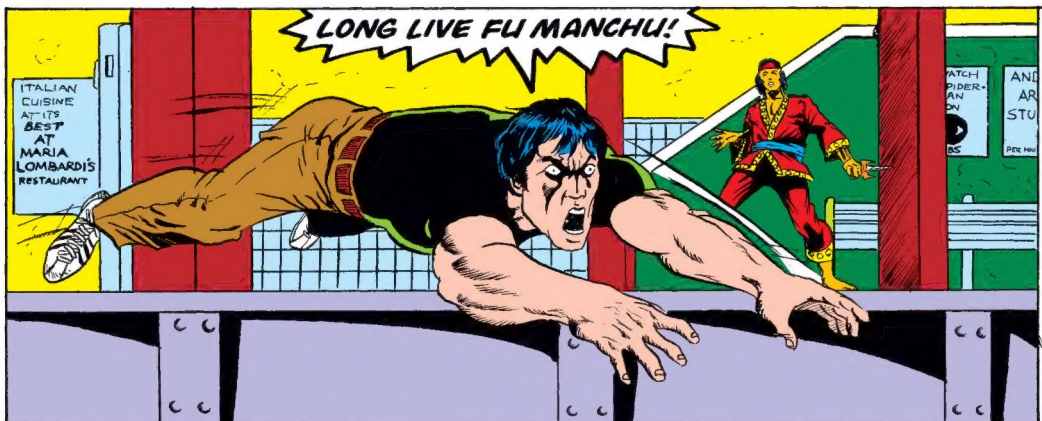


"I REMEMBER MY FATHER'S WORDS, BUT
I RECALL EVEN MORE **CLEARLY** HOW THE
KIDNAPPER, IN HIS LAST MOMENTS OF
LIFE, SEEMED TO **ACKNOWLEDGE** MY
FATHER AS HIS **MASTER!**

"MY FATHER TOLD ME THAT
HE'D '**TAKEN CARE OF**'
SHOH TENG--AND I PRE-
SUMED HIM DEAD! I WAS
NEVER TO SEE HIM AGAIN..."

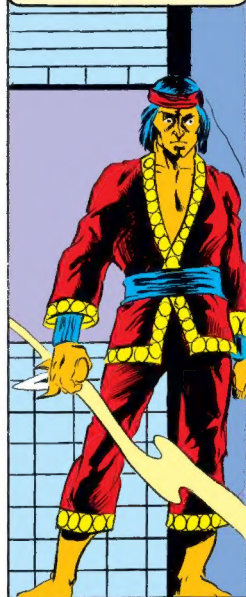








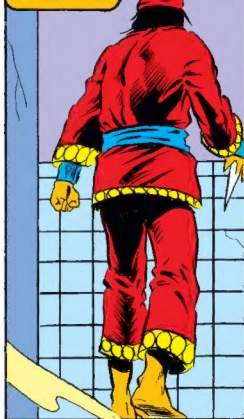
"THIS IS A CEREMONIAL KNIFE OF MY FATHER'S SI-FAN--"



"--WHICH MEANS THAT SHOH TENG WAS NOT AN INNOCENT AS HE CLAIMED--AND THAT ALL THIS WAS A TRICK WITHIN A RUSE WRAPPED IN A DELUSION!"

"ALL HAPPENED THIRTEEN YEARS AGO AS SHOH TENG SAID, EXCEPT THAT HE WAS RAISED A MEMBER OF THE SI-FAN--AND HIS PRESENT ASSIGNMENT WAS TO KILL ME IN REVENGE FOR MY FATHER'S DEATH!"

"OUR MEETING TODAY WAS PLANNED AND INTENTIONAL."



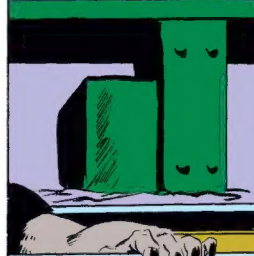
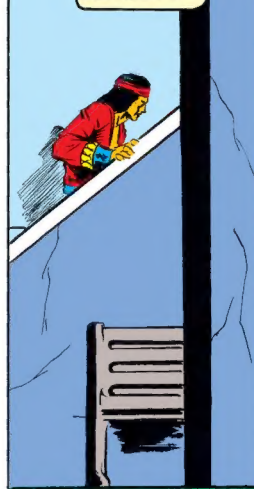
"SHOH TENG FAILED IN HIS MISSION--AND DEALT HIMSELF THE ULTIMATE PUNISHMENT!"

"WITH HIS STAGED KIDNAPPING AND RESCUE, MY FATHER HAD MEANT TO TEACH ME TO TRUST NONE BUT HIM. HIS LESSON WORKED...TOO WELL, FOR I GREW TO TRUST NOT EVEN HIM!"



"TO SURVIVE, I HAVE LEARNED TO TRUST NO ONE BUT MYSELF, WHICH CAN MAKE LIFE BOTH LONG..."

"...AND LONELY!"



NEXT ISSUE:

THE RETURN OF PAVANE... THE FATE OF JULIETTE...

AND **BLACK KNIGHTS!**

BE HERE!